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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

7. (Amended) The heat-sensitive recording material of claim 5, wherein the heat-sensitive recording layer contains a phosphoric ester derivative as an additive.

10. (Amended) The heat-sensitive recording material of claim 8, wherein the pigment contained in the undercoat layer is an oil-absorbing pigment which shows an oil absorption of 70 to 800 ml/100 g when measured according to JIS-K-5101 or organic hollow particles.